

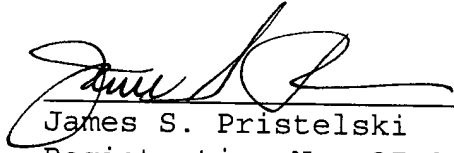
Remarks

New claims 21-40 are submitted for examination in this patent application, and former claims 1-20 have been canceled.

A fee calculation sheet is attached. Since the number of claims remains the same, it is believed that no additional fees are due. However, if needed, please charge any appropriate fees to our deposit account number 50-1039.

It is believed that the newly submitted claims patentably distinguish over the prior art and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Early allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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